

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 25 with the following amended paragraph:

A particularly preferred embodiment of the present invention is a toothbrush comprising a preformed relatively rigid head 10 and handle 12, with ~~an~~ a flexible elastomeric component 30 in the neck, which component flexibly links said head 10 to said handle 12. The elastomeric component 30 in the neck may be weld by the method of the present invention to the head 10 and handle 12 or it may be molded first in a molding process wherein the head 10 or handle 12 is subsequently molded thereto and the other component 30 is joined by the method of the present invention.